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## BLM COMPLETES ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

MILES CITY –The Bureau of Land Management has completed an Environmental Assessment and has approved Fidelity Corporation's associated applications for permit to drill 85 coal bed natural gas wells near Decker, Mont.

The 85 federal wells will be drilled from 18 locations and are part of a 178-well plan of development. The other wells in the development plan do not involve federal minerals and have already been approved by the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation.

This additional environmental review is specific to the drilling proposal and is based on the environmental impact statement the BLM and the state of Montana completed earlier this year. Prior to submitting its applications, Fidelity and each affected surface landowner reached a Surface Use Agreement that will guide the company's activities that could affect the private land.